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Chapter ___
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-fourth session at United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 7 March 2003. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to _____).

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the thirty-third session, Tamas Mellar (Hungary).

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and a non-member State, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex ___.

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C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 4 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:
Tamas Mellar (Hungary)

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Vice-Chairmen:
K. K. Jaswal (India)
Gilberto Calvillo Vives (Mexico)
Katherine Wallman (United States)

Rapporteur:
Pali Lehohla (South Africa)

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 4 March, following a statement by the observer of Palestine, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.3/2003/1, as orally amended, as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Demographic and social statistics:
   (a) Population and housing censuses;
   (b) Health statistics;
   (c) Social statistics;
   (d) Washington Group on Disability Measurement.
4. Economic statistics:
   (a) National accounts;
   (b) Measuring the new economy;
   (c) Agriculture statistics;
   (d) Statistics of services (programme review);
   (e) International Comparison Programme;
   (f) International merchandise trade statistics;
   (g) Statistics of international trade in services;
   (h) Finance statistics;
   (i) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;
   (j) Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics.
5. Natural resources and environment statistics.
6. Activities not classified by field:
   (a) International economic and social classifications;
   (b) Harmonization of indicators and reporting on progress towards the millennium development goals;
   (c) Statistical capacity-building;
   (d) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

(e) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

(f) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division.

7. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fifth session of the Commission.

8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-fourth session.

6. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) and Greece (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the Commission approved the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.3/2003/L.1), as orally revised.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Commission agreed to the participation in its thirty-fourth session of the following intergovernmental organizations: Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa and Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics.

E. Documentation

8. The list of documents before the Commission at its thirty-fourth session is contained in annex ___.

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